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S. 1760

To amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 10, 2007

Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. BURR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Healthy Start Reau-
5 thorization Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO HEALTHY START INITIATIVE.**

7 (a) CONSIDERATIONS IN MAKING GRANTS.—Section
8 330H(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
9 254c–8(b)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “(b) REQUIREMENTS” and all
 2 that follows through “In making grants under sub-
 3 section (a)” and inserting the following:

4 “(b) CONSIDERATIONS IN MAKING GRANTS.—

5 “(1) REQUIREMENTS.—In making grants under
 6 subsection (a)”;

7 (2) by adding at the end the following para-
 8 graph:

9 “(2) OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.—In making
 10 grants under subsection (a), the Secretary shall take
 11 into consideration the following:

12 “(A) Factors that contribute to infant
 13 mortality, such as low birthweight.

14 “(B) The extent to which applicants for
 15 such grants facilitate—

16 “(i) a community-based approach to
 17 the delivery of services; and

18 “(ii) a comprehensive approach to
 19 women’s health care to improve perinatal
 20 outcomes.

21 “(3) SPECIAL PROJECTS.—Nothing in para-
 22 graph (2) shall be construed to prohibit the Sec-
 23 retary from awarding grants under subsection (a)
 24 for special projects that are intended to address sig-
 25 nificant disparities in perinatal health indicators in

1 communities along the United States-Mexico border
 2 or in Alaska and Hawaii.”.

3 (b) OTHER GRANTS.—Section 330H of the Public
 4 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c–8) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (3);
 6 and

7 (2) by striking subsections (e) and (f).

8 (c) FUNDING.—Section 330H of the Public Health
 9 Service Act, as amended by subsection (b) of this section,
 10 is amended by adding at the end the following subsection:

11 “(e) FUNDING.—

12 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
 13 For the purpose of carrying out this section, there
 14 are authorized to be appropriated—

15 “(A) \$120,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;
 16 and

17 “(B) for each of fiscal years 2009 through
 18 2013, the amount authorized for the preceding
 19 fiscal year increased by the percentage increase
 20 in the Consumer Price Index for all urban con-
 21 sumers for such year.

22 “(2) ALLOCATION.—

23 “(A) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.—Of the
 24 amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) for
 25 a fiscal year, the Secretary may reserve up to

1 5 percent for coordination, dissemination, tech-
2 nical assistance, and data activities that are de-
3 termined by the Secretary to be appropriate for
4 carrying out the program under this section.

5 “(B) EVALUATION.—Of the amounts ap-
6 propriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal
7 year, the Secretary may reserve up to 1 percent
8 for evaluations of projects carried out under
9 subsection (a). Each such evaluation shall in-
10 clude a determination of whether such projects
11 have been effective in reducing the disparity in
12 health status between the general population
13 and individuals who are members of racial or
14 ethnic minority groups.”.

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